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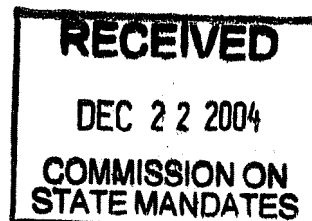
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December 22, 2004

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Ms. Paula Higashi
Executive Director
Commission on State Mandates
980 9th Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814



Re: Extension for Rebuttal Brief for Case No. 04-RL-3929-05
Regional Housing Needs Determination - Councils of Governments
Client-Matter No. 10101707

Dear Ms. Higashi:

We represent the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in the above-referenced matter, and on behalf of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), and the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG), we hereby request an extension of time to file our rebuttal briefs pursuant to Section 9-1 of the Guide to the State Mandates Process issued by the Commission on State Mandates.

Currently, rebuttal briefs are due on January 3, 2005. We request a two week extension of this date (to January 17, 2004) because many of our executive directors, counsel, and staff will be on vacation during the holidays. We would like the opportunity to coordinate our response to streamline the process, and in order to do so meaningfully, we respectfully request this extension. We believe that one coordinated brief joined in by the above parties maximizes efficiency for us as well as the Commission.

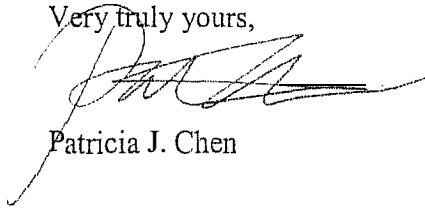
If the Commission cannot grant our request for a two week extension, we are willing to consider a one week extension (to January 10, 2004) subject to a further discussion with the Commission.

Your counsel, Mr. Eric Feller, in a telephone conversation today has agreed to notify all interested parties of our extension request since we do not have the mailing list of interested parties.

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We understand that according to Section 9-1 of the Guide to the State Mandates Process that a determination must be made regarding our request within 48 hours of receipt. Thus, we look forward to hearing back from you in the next two days. Thank _{you} for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia J. Chen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patricia J. Chen

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